

EXHIBIT OO

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PUERTO RICO,

Debtor.

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3566-LTS

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO'S RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS
TO ERS BONDHOLDERS' INTERROGATORIES**

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

Pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“FRCP”) and Rules 7026 and 7033 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“FRBP”), made applicable to this matter under Section 310 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (“PROMESA”), the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (“AAFAF”), as authorized by the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “FOMB”)² and pursuant to the authority granted to it under the *Enabling Act of the Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority*, Act 2-2017, hereby responds and objects (collectively, the “Responses and Objections”), on behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“Commonwealth” or “Debtor”), to the *Interrogatories to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico* (the “Interrogatories”), including the “Definitions,” “Instructions” and Interrogatories (collectively, the “Requests”), dated February 27, 2019, which was served at the direction of the Movants.³

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. Debtor objects to each Definition, Instruction and Request to the extent they purport to impose duties on Debtor that are inconsistent with, not authorized by, or exceed those required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as incorporated into the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the local rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for District of Puerto Rico, or

² The FOMB, as the Commonwealth’s representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), has authorized AAFAF to serve this Response on behalf of the Commonwealth.

³ The “Movants” consist of certain ERS bondholders, including Andalusian Global Designated Activity Company, Glendon Opportunities Fund, L.P., Mason Capital Master Fund, LP, Oaktree-Forrest Multi- Strategy, LLC (Series B), Oaktree Opportunities Fund IX, L.P., Oaktree Opportunities Fund IX (Parallel 2), L.P., Oaktree Value Opportunities Fund, L.P., Ocher Rose, L.L.C., SV Credit, L.P., Puerto Rico AAA Portfolio Bond Fund, Inc., Puerto Rico AAA Portfolio Bond Fund II, Inc., Puerto Rico AAA Portfolio Target Maturity Fund, Inc., Puerto Rico Fixed Income Fund, Inc., Puerto Rico Fixed Income Fund II, Inc., Puerto Rico Fixed Income Fund III, Inc., Puerto Rico Fixed Income Fund IV, Inc., Puerto Rico Fixed Income Fund V, Inc., Puerto Rico GNMA & U.S. Government Target Maturity Fund, Inc., Puerto Rico Investors Bond Fund I, Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund, Inc., Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund, Inc. II, Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund III, Inc., Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund IV, Inc., Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund V, Inc., Puerto Rico Investors Tax-Free Fund VI, Inc., Puerto Rico Mortgage-Backed & U.S. Government Securities Fund, Inc., Tax-Free Puerto Rico Fund, Inc., Tax-Free Puerto Rico Fund II, Inc., and Tax-Free Puerto Rico Target Maturity Fund, Inc.

the presiding Court's chambers practices and case management orders (collectively, the "Governing Rules"). In responding to these Requests, and unless otherwise noted, Debtor will construe all words in accordance with its obligations under the Governing Rules, and not otherwise.

2. Debtor objects to the Requests to the extent that the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit, considering the needs of the case, the parties' resources, and the narrow scope of the Motion.

3. Debtor objects to each Definition, Instruction and Request to the extent it expressly or impliedly seeks information protected from discovery by any applicable privilege, including the Attorney-Client Privilege, the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine, the Common Interest Privilege, or the Executive and Deliberative Process Privileges. Nothing in these Responses and Objections is intended as, nor shall in any way be deemed, a waiver of any privileges, protections, doctrines, or immunities.

4. Debtor objects to each Definition, Instruction and Request to the extent it expressly or impliedly seeks information that is confidential or proprietary in nature, or otherwise constitutes protected commercial, strategic, financial or competitively sensitive or trade secret information, including but not limited to information or models created by Debtor's current or former financial advisors.

5. Debtor objects to the Definitions and Instructions to the extent that they purport to require Debtor to provide information not within its possession, custody or control.

6. Debtor objects to the "Scope," on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not proportional to the needs of the case and extremely abbreviated time frame for discovery. Debtor further objects to the extent the Scope purports to impose requirements or

obligations on Debtor beyond the scope of, or different from, those imposed by the Governing Rules. Debtor further objects to the Scope on the grounds that it purports to require the production of documents.

7. Debtor objects to the stated time frame of the Requests, June 30, 2016 to the present, as overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not proportional to the needs of the case in light of the narrow scope of the Motion and extremely abbreviated time frame for discovery.

8. Debtor objects to the term “Affiliate,” which is defined as “any person or entity related to, associated with, owning, owned by, under common control with, under the direction of, or with the ability to direct or control another person. “Affiliate” also means any current and former principal, officer, director, manager, general partner, employee, agent, parent company, or subsidiary of any such person or entity, as well as that person or entity’s advisors, attorneys, accountants, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, administrators, executors, supervisors, or representatives.” This definition is overbroad, vague, ambiguous, unduly burdensome, and not proportionate to the needs of the case. Debtor further objects to the definition of “Affiliate” to the extent it is incorporated by reference in any definition, instruction, or Request.

9. Debtor objects to the term “Commonwealth,” which is defined as “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its Affiliates, exclusive of any Affiliates of the Commonwealth that are Non-Commonwealth Employers. For the avoidance of doubt, “Commonwealth” includes without limitation the Puerto Rico Legislature, Governor, and Department of Treasury.” This definition is overbroad and unduly burdensome. Unless otherwise noted, Debtor will interpret the term “Commonwealth” to mean the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its employees, officials, and known agents whose files are most likely to possess personal knowledge of information relevant to the Motion, and whose files can most reasonably be searched under the time constraints.

10. Debtor objects to the definition of the terms “Communication” and “Communications” to the extent it imposes duties on Debtor that differ from or exceed those imposed by the Governing Rules. Debtor further objects to searching or producing any audio, video, electronic recordings, telephone records or calendar entries, which would be unduly burdensome and not proportionate to the needs of the case and the abbreviated time frame for discovery.

11. Debtor objects to term “Contributions,” which is defined as “Payments by the Commonwealth or Non-Commonwealth Employers to the ERS. “Contributions” includes (a) past Payments, (b) pending Payments, (c) obligations to make future Payments, (d) Payments, whether due in the past or becoming due in the future, that are required by law, (e) Payments that are held by the Fiscal Agent or any other third party, and (f) Employers’ Contributions.” This definition is overbroad, vague, ambiguous and calls for legal conclusions.

12. Debtor objects to the definition of the terms “Document” and “Documents” to the extent it imposes duties on Debtor that differ from or exceed those imposed by the Governing Rules. Debtor further objects to searching or producing any text messages or instant messages, which would be unduly burdensome and not proportionate to the needs of the case and the abbreviated time frame for discovery.

13. Debtor objects to the definition of the term “ERS Bondholders’ Security Interest,” which is defined as “the administrative structures, arrangements, bond resolutions, collateral, contracts, covenants, filings, liens, payment mechanisms, regulations, security agreements, statutes, and UCC filings pursuant to which the ERS and the ERS Bondholders secured the performance of the ERS’ obligations.” This definition is overbroad, vague, ambiguous and calls for legal conclusions.

14. Debtor objects to the definition of the terms “You,” “Your” and “FOMB,” to the extent they are defined to include “Affiliates,” as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous and not reasonably calculated to lead to the disclosure of information relevant to the Motion. In responding to these Requests, Debtor will construe “You,” “Your” and “FOMB” to mean Debtor and its employees, officials, and known agents whose files are most likely to possess personal knowledge of information relevant to the Motion, and whose files can most reasonably be searched under the time constraints.

15. Debtor objects to the “Instructions” to the extent they place an unreasonable burden on Debtor, including without limitation by seeking information that is equally or more readily available from public sources.

16. Debtor objects to Instruction No. 4 on the grounds that Local Rule 26.2 of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is not part of the Governing Rules.

17. Debtor objects to Instruction No. 5 on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and does not seek information proportionate to the needs of the case.

18. Debtor objects to Instruction No. 8 on the grounds that it is unduly burdensome and not proportional to the needs of the case to the extent it requires that each “request for information directed to or Concerning a particular Entity shall include the Entity as defined, as well as Person or Persons acting in a representative capacity, including partners, members, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, legal counsel, financial advisors, investment bankers, rating agencies, or any other Person or Persons acting on its or their behalf,” without regard to their connection to the events at issue in the Motion. In responding to these Requests, Debtor will construe requests from each Entity to mean only that Entity, its employees, officers,

directors, and known agents whose files are most likely to possess personal knowledge of information relevant to the Motion, and whose files can most reasonably be searched under the time constraints imposed in this matter.

19. These Responses and Objections are made without waiving, or intending to waive, but, on the contrary, expressly reserving: (a) the right to object on the grounds of competency, privilege, relevancy, materiality, admissibility as evidence for any purpose, or any other proper grounds, to the use of any information provided in connection with these interrogatories or the subject matter thereof, in whole or in part, at any trial or hearing in this proceeding or in any related or subsequent action or proceeding; (b) the right to object on any and all grounds, at any time, to other discovery procedures involving or relating to the subject matter of the Interrogatories or otherwise; and (c) the right at any time to revise, amend, correct, supplement, or clarify any of the Responses and Objections herein.

20. These Responses and Objections should not be construed as: (a) an admission as to the propriety of any Request; (b) an agreement as to erroneous assumptions or incorrect factual predicates contained in any Request; (c) an acknowledgement that documents or other items responsive to any Request exist; (d) a waiver of the General Objections or the objections asserted in response to specific Requests; (e) an admission as to the relevance or admissibility into evidence of any documents, item or information; (f) an admission, concession, or waiver as to the validity of any claim or defense asserted in this litigation; or (g) an agreement that requests for similar documents, items or information will be treated in a similar manner. Nothing in these Responses and Objections is intended to waive, and Debtor expressly reserves, the right to file a motion to quash the Subpoena and/or to seek a protective order.

21. The above General Objections are incorporated into each of the following specific Responses and Objections.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Set forth in detail all manners in which You maintain the ERS Bondholders' Security Interest has been, is being, or will be protected from a decrease in value during the pendency of the stay imposed by § 362 of the Bankruptcy Code.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

In addition to its General Objections, the Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it calls for legal conclusions regarding the effect of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Movants' rights, remedies, and entitlements, if any, under applicable law. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that the phrase "the ERS Bondholders' Security Interest has been, is being, or will be protected from a decrease in value" is vague and ambiguous, because the definition of "ERS Bondholders' Security Interest" includes items that cannot "decrease in value," including but not limited to "administrative structures," "bond resolutions," "regulations," "statutes," and "UCC filings." The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that "ERS Bondholders' Security Interest," as defined by Movants to consist of various documents, acts, and laws "pursuant to which the ERS and the ERS Bondholders secured the performance of the ERS' obligations," is not capable of being "valued," and therefore not subject to "a decrease in value." The Commonwealth objects to the definition of "ERS Bondholders' Security Interest," which is overbroad, vague, and calls for legal conclusions. The Commonwealth will interpret "ERS Bondholders' Security Interest to mean the ERS Bondholders' asserted security interest under the ERS Bond Resolution. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it assumes that the Commonwealth has property subject to the ERS Bondholders' asserted security interest under the ERS Bond Resolution, which the Commonwealth

does not. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it is duplicative of Interrogatory No. 1 served on ERS and the Commonwealth refers Movants to ERS's response to Interrogatory No. 1. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information not in its possession, custody or control. The Commonwealth further objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information protected by the Attorney-Client Privilege, the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine, the Executive and Deliberative Process Privileges, the Common Interest Privilege, or any other applicable privileges, doctrines, or immunities protecting information from disclosure.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Set forth in detail whether, how and to what extent the ERS Bondholders have been, are, or will be able to exercise their remedies against the Pledged Property during the pendency of the stay imposed by § 362 of the Bankruptcy Code.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

In addition to its General Objections, which are hereby incorporated by reference, the Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it calls for legal conclusions regarding the effect of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Movants' rights, remedies, and entitlements, if any, under applicable law. The Commonwealth objects to the phrase set forth "in detail," which is overbroad and unduly burdensome; the Commonwealth will respond only in reasonable detail as required by the Governing Rules. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it calls for speculation regarding future events that are beyond Debtor's knowledge, possession, custody or control. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it assumes that the Commonwealth has property subject to the ERS Bondholders' asserted security interest under the ERS Bond Resolution, which the Commonwealth does not. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory because it is duplicative of Interrogatory No. 2 served on ERS. The Commonwealth objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information not in its possession, custody or

control. Debtor also objects to this Request to the extent it seeks information protected by the Attorney-Client Privilege, the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine, the Executive and Deliberative Process Privileges, the Common Interest Privilege, or any other applicable privileges, doctrines, or immunities protecting information from disclosure.

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